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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
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BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN DENTISTRY**

**3 CAPITOL HILL
CONFERENCE ROOM 401
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2015
8:00 A.M.**

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jeffrey Dodge, DMD, Chairman
Stephen Puerini, DMD, Vice Chairman
Donald Williams, Secretary
Russell Chin, DDS
Caroline Danish, DMD
Kerri Friel, RDH, COA, CDA, MA
Louis Marciano, BS, M.Ed.
Martin Nager, DMD
Susan Perlini, RDH, BS
Robert Ricci, Ph.D.
Maryellen Simas, RDH
Eric George, DMD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Martin Elson, DDS

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Sharon Friend, DMD, Board Administrator
Amy Coleman, JD, Legal Counsel
Sarah Harrigan, Chief, Center for Professional Boards and Commissions

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Patrick Quinlan, JD – RIDA
Marian Royer – RIDA
James Balerkjian - DDRI
Pamela Coletti - RIDAA
Marie Jones-Bridges – RIDHA
Rebecca Kislak – RIHCA
Kathleen J. Gazzola – CCRI
John Duhaime – RIAOMS
Frank Paletta – RIAOMS
Mo Banki – RIAOMS/ RIDA
David Fiaschetti – RIAOMS
Diane Monti-Marcowski – BCBSRI
Stephen Bakios – RIAOMS/ RIDA
Fred Hartman – Invited Guest
Ray English – Invited Guest

1. Establishment of a quorum

A meeting of the Rhode Island Board of Examiners in Dentistry was held on Wednesday, December 2, 2015 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 401, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. A quorum was established and the Open Session meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m. on a motion by Marty Nager, DMD, and seconded by Kerri Friel, RDH. Motion carried.

2. Chairman's Report

• Communications

Chairman Jeffrey Dodge, DMD, introduced Sharon Friend, DMD, as the new Dental Board Administrator. Dr. Friend is on contract with the Department to work part-time in this capacity.

Russell Chin, DDS, provided the Board with an update on the November 13, 2015 ADEX meeting held in Rosemont, IL.

Susan Perlini, RDH, provided an update on the Dental Hygiene Examination Subcommittee.

Kathleen Gazzola, a public attendee, also provided an update from the ADEX Education Subcommittee.

• License Committee Meeting

No License Committee Meeting was held for December 2, 2015 as there were no license application issues to be addressed.

- **January 6, 2016 Board Meeting**

The January 6, 2016 Board meeting is anticipated to draw a larger audience than usual. The meeting will be moved to another room at the Department of Health to comfortably accommodate everyone. The location will be posted on the January 6, 2015 Agenda and will be e-mailed to Board Members.

3. Presentation of the November 4, 2015 Open Session Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Martin Nager, DMD, and seconded by Russell Chin, DDS, to accept the Open Session Minutes for the Rhode Island Board of Examiners in Dentistry for Wednesday, November 4, 2015. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Open Session Minutes as presented. Motion carried.

4. Review of Issued Licenses List

Board Members reviewed the list of licenses issued since the last Board Meeting.

5. New Business

Chairman Dodge invited Ray English, DMD, and Fred Hartman, DMD, to provide their perspectives on the definitions of different levels of anesthesia, the appropriate training requirement for moderate sedation, and the use of multi-drug anesthesia under a moderate sedation permit.

- Ray English, DMD – Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon
 - Experienced Oral Surgeon who has done more than 20,000 general anesthesia procedures.
 - Important to secure a balance of appropriately trained dentists to provide minimal and moderate sedation for patients to avoid patients being scarred by traumatic experiences with routine dental procedures.
 - Anesthesia is about risk management – you cannot eliminate risk completely, but if you follow step-by-step procedures, you can greatly minimize the risk. ADA guidelines can provide this process.
 - There are two primary components to safe and effective anesthesia: the first is properly trained dentists and dental hygienists and, the second, properly operating equipment.
 - There are three types of anesthesia in dentistry:
 1. Minimal Sedation: Nitrous Oxide, or a single drug prescribed for the patient to take before they get to the office. This is taught in all dentistry schools. The greatest safety concern is driving before the drug has fully worn off;
 2. Moderate Sedation: Sedating the patient to the extent that they can be aroused with a light touch. This can

be accomplished via oral medication, intravenous drugs, or a combination of those methods. Because the greatest safety concern is that it is possible for a patient to slip from Moderate into a Deep sedation state, the dentist must be properly trained to use a reverse technique;

3. Deep Sedation: The administration of general anesthesia where the patient is unable to be awakened until the anesthesia effect has worn off, or without the aid of a reversal agent.

- The current ADA guideline for a Minimal Sedation permit is 16 hours of training and BLS certification.
- The current ADA guideline for Moderate Sedation with oral medication is 24 hours of training, 10 adult case experiences and ACLS certification.
- The current ADA guideline for Moderate Sedation with intravenous requires 60 hours of training, 20 adult case experiences and ACLS certification. It may be appropriate to increase the required training to 66 hours in RI regulations.
- Disagreement with the suggestion of limiting Moderate Sedation to a single drug approach for four reasons:
 1. Oral surgery or periodontal schools train students in multi-drug techniques;
 2. The state does not legislate techniques in any other area and should not do so here;
 3. It would be technically difficult to write the Rules and Regulations;
 4. It is not evidence based.
- ADA guidelines are for patients 13 years and older. Pediatric dentists need much more extensive training. St. Joseph's requires 12 weeks of training.

- Fred Hartman, DMD – Oral Surgeon

- Revised regulations should emphasize safe and appropriate training.
- Oral surgeons go through 3 to 6 years of training, including a four month rotation in anesthesiology.
- Completed 1200 cases for Deep Sedation Permit – significant difference from the 20 cases required for Moderate Sedation using intravenous.
- Maintenance of the facility and staff training are equally important to training requirements for the dentist.
- Under Moderate sedation, respiratory function is not depressed, however, every patient reacts to medication differently and dentists

with Moderate Sedation permits should be prepared to revive a patient who slips into deep sedation.

- Supportive of Dr. English's opinion on single vs. multi-drug techniques. If the Dentist is deemed qualified, it is important to trust the training.

7. Motion to Adjourn to Closed Session

- A motion was made by Martin Nager, DMD, and seconded by, Kerri Friel, RDH, to adjourn to Closed Session at 10:15 a.m. pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(4) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. Motion carried.

8. Motion to Return to Open Session

- Motion was made by Martin Nager, DMD, and seconded by Kerri Friel, RDH. at 11:45 a.m. to re-open the Open Session and to seal the Minutes of the Closed Session pursuant to Sections 42-46-4, 42-46-5 and 42-46-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws. Board voted unanimously to approve. Motion carried.

9. Final Actions on all votes taken in Closed Session

- One (1) unprofessional conduct
- Six (6) no unprofessional conduct

10. Adjournment

- The next Rhode Island Board of Examiners in Dentistry meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 6, 2015, 8:00 a.m. at the Rhode Island Department of Health, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. The meeting room is to be finalized. Motion was made by Russell Chin, DDS, and seconded by Louis Marciano, BS, M.Ed, to adjourn at 12:10 p.m. Board voted unanimously to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Harrigan
Chief, Professional Boards and Commissions
State of Rhode Island
Center for Professional Boards and Commissions
Board of Examiners in Dentistry